

REMARKS

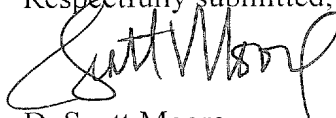
The Office Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to an apparatus for reducing to metallic form metal oxides; or
- Group II: Claims 13-25, drawn to a process for reducing to metallic form metal oxides. (*Office Action, page 2*).

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1 - 12. Applicants have canceled Claims 13 - 25. This cancellation is being made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for these claims and/or other claims. Applicants are not traversing the restriction requirement because Applicants agree that the unpatentability of the Group II claims would not necessarily imply the unpatentability of the Group I claims.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1 - 12.

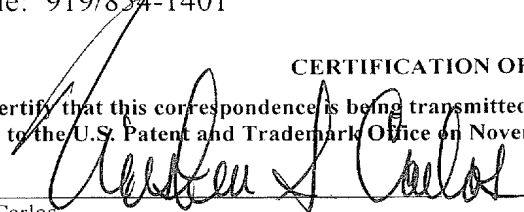
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